

NORHT FORK LAND USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING OF AUGUST 7TH, 2010

SONDRESON HALL

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with a dozen people in the “audience.” Board members in attendance: Chair John Frederick, Molly Shepherd, Lee Secrest, Randy Kenyon, Jan Caldwell, Betsy HolyCross and Margaret Heaphy. Mitch Burgard and Richard Hildner had excused absences. Val Cox and Secretary Steve Berg have resigned from the committee. Randy read the minutes of the previous meeting. Molly moved that they be accepted and Jan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

John then called for public comment. Larry Wison asked a question regarding amending the by-laws, specifically can it be changed at a single meeting. John stated by-law amendments must be considered by the Commissioners. Gary McDonough asked why the committee did not act on an (unseconded) motion from the previous meeting regarding further research into Polebridge Meadows sanitary systems. John responded that it was not within the purview of land use committees. John then read from a news article about the county Board of Adjustment approving the liquor license for the Northern Lights Café. It now moves on to the state for consideration. This will probably not occur prior to the café closing for season.

The committee then reviewed the amended zoning change regarding “extractive industry” proposed at the July 11th meeting. It was noted that it matched the memoranda of understanding between British Columbia and the state of Montana. Jan moved and Molly seconded that the committee approve the county planning staff report and the wording of the new “extractive” definition. Proposed Section 3.40.050 (1) now reads: “EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES: Commercial or industrial operations involving the removal and processing of natural accumulations of sand, rock, soil, gravel or any mineral limited to no greater than 5 acres and not more than 20,000 tons (2,000 pounds per ton) per year.” The motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business was a discussion regarding buildings in the setbacks. The question was whether or not temporary structures should be allowed in the setback or be prohibited entirely. A discussion ensued on issues such as RVs, construction trailers, and variances. In the end, Betsy moved and Jan seconded to add to “temporary structures” in 3.40.040 so that it will read: “Setbacks of new buildings *and temporary structures* from public road ways and waterways are prohibited.” This motion passed unanimously.

The next and last order of business was to define “temporary structures”. It was felt the county definition does not suit the particular needs of the North Fork. After a discussion it was decided to add another definition to 3.40.030 defining a temporary structure: “TEMPORARY STRUCTURE: An enclosure with a roof or other protective cover that does not have or require a permanent attachment to the

ground and that is used or can be used for the housing, shelter or storage of any person, animal or chattel. An operable, licensed motor vehicle shall not be considered a temporary structure.” Jan moved this be adopted and Betsy seconded. This passed unanimously. There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm by chair John Frederick. The next meeting was scheduled for June 2011 if no other matters are brought forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Kenyon

Acting Secretary